

REMARKS

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for thoroughly reviewing and considering the pending application. The Office Action dated June 30, 2005 has been received and carefully reviewed. Claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-17, and 19-41 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,597,166 to Lee ("Lee") in view of Japanese Patent Publication JP 11086623 to Sasaki ("Sasaki") further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,024,335 to Min ("Min").

Applicants thank the examiner for the allowance of claims 8-12, 14-17, and 19-41, and the indication that claims 3-6 contain allowable subject matter.

The rejection of claims 1 and 2 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 1 and 2 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "at least one bracket arranged on a bottom surface of the case for connecting the inverter to the case." None of the cited references including the Lee, Sasaki, and Min, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention.

In the Office action regarding Lee, the Examiner states: "Lee et al. disclose a liquid crystal display module and an assembly method thereof where in Claim 10 it is disclose a mold frame comprising a lamp assembly receiving portion, an inverter supporting bar for supporting an inverter and in Claim 21 it is disclosed that a rear case has a bottom surface corresponding to the lamp assembly the gate PCB, the source PCB and the inverter." The implication is that this teaches the "at least one bracket arranged on a bottom surface of the case for connecting the inverter to the case" of the present invention.

In Lee, the inverter 600 is mounted on the mold frame 200 using inverter support bars 262, 264. (See Figs. 3, 13 and col. 7, lines 11-19.) As can be seen, the inverter 600 is mounted at the side of the mold frame 200 and at the side of the completely assembled display device. (See Fig. 1.) This is the only location for the inverter taught in Lee. This is contrary to the present invention where the "at least one bracket" is "arranged on a bottom surface of the case." The language of claims 10 and 21 of Lee cited by the Examiner disclose a mode frame 200

where the inverter 600 is on the side of the frame and a rear case 100. The inverter 600 is not mounted to the rear case 100. Further, the bottom surface referred to is also the inner surface of the rear case 100 that is next to the mold frame 200. The actual language of claim 21 recites: "wherein the rear case has a bottom surface corresponding to the lamp assembly, the gate PCB, the source PCB, and the inverter deposited with an insulating material." What this refers to is that there is an insulating material or tape 120 applied to the rear case 100 in the area adjacent to the lamp assembly, source/gate PCBs, and the inverter for electrostatic shielding. (See Fig. 2 and col. 6, ll. 21-29.) So the inverter 600 in Lee is at the side of the mold case 200 and the LCD display, which is different from the "at least one bracket arranged on a bottom surface of the case" of the present invention. Accordingly, claims 1 and 2 are allowable over Lee, Sasaki, and Min, as Sasaki and Min fail to cure the deficiencies of Lee.

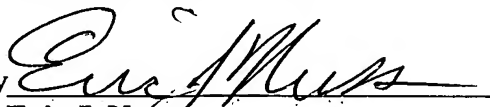
Applicants believe the foregoing remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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